

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 7, 2023

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. August 7, 2023. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, Bill Faircloth and 3rd District Supervisor, Dan Anderson.

8:30 – 9:15 Employee/Department Head Time

9:15 – 9:30 Public Comment on Agenda Items The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Hilmer, Faircloth, Anderson. Tama County Auditor Laura Kopsa, Assistant Auditor Karen Rohrs, several members of the public. Deputy Sheriff Killian was also present. Laura Wilson spoke regarding the filling of the vacancy on the Tama County Conservation Board and how quickly it will be filled in comparison to the Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment vacancies. She feels there is some stalling on those positions being filled. Richard Arp asked about the tax levies for this year. The Supervisors goal was to try to keep the county levy close to the same as last year. He also asked about the agenda item regarding hiring the State Auditor. Mark Doland wanted to know who created the propose precinct maps. The Auditor explained the procedure and the committee appointed with doing this task. He also had questions on the jail diversion program for mental health.

9:30 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the July 31st regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report.

At 9:45 the Supervisors recognized the following employees for their years of service:

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| 5 years: | Lisa Heitman, Attorney Office
Neil Frizzell, Sheriff Office
Sheila Werner, Sheriff Office
Tony Gropper, Roads
Melissa Massengale. Public Health
Robin Oaxaca, Janitor
Diane Kesl, 911
Zachary Mann, 911 |
| 10 years | Daniel Anderson, Supervisor
Ronald Pexa, Sheriff |
| 15 years | Michelle Schroeder, Auditor Office
Elizabeth Young, Treasurer Office
Julie Hoskey, 911
Anna Bloomquist, 911 |
| 20 years | Timothy Martens, Roads
Beth Eberle, Public Health
Elizabeth Ledvina, Veterans Affairs/General Relief |
| 25 years | Kerry Kucera, Assessor Office |
| 30 years | Ronda Burnes, Attorney Office |
| 40 years | Kathryn Fehr, Public Health |

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to approve the property tax levy rates as prepared by the Auditor's Office and certified by the State of Iowa for Fiscal Year 2024. (A copy of the levy rate table is available upon request at the Auditor's office) All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve hiring the State Auditor to look at agreed upon procedures. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors met with Nathan Holven, Garwin, to discuss a possible tax certificate re-assignment and abatement. Tama County has held tax certificate #15-0227 since 2015. The total amount due, including taxes, interest and other costs is \$3,957.00. Mr. Holven proposes paying half the taxes due in the amount of \$871.50 and asking the Supervisors to abate \$871.50 of the taxes, \$2,186.00 interest and \$28.00 other. This would get the property back on the tax rolls. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to re-assign Tama County Tax Certificate #15-0227 to Nate Holven for \$871.50 and abate the rest of the taxes and all of the interest and other. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Members of the Re-Districting Commission presented their proposal for election precincts. This is a commission appointed by the Supervisors to set election precincts for the County due to the 2022 General Election results to make Tama County a five-member board. Commission members are Joe Boll, Mike Wentzien, and Richard Arp. The recommended changes meet the State's definitions for precincts. Copies of the proposed changes are available at the County Auditor's office. Recommended descriptions would appear in a County Ordinance, pursuant to 49.7, Code of Iowa. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hilmer to set three public hearings for Monday August 21 at 9:45 am, Monday August 28 and Monday September 11, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Supervisors meeting room for precinct boundary changes due to the Supervisors going to a five member board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to appoint James Allen, Toledo, to the Conservation Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Anderson to approve the claims for payment as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

At 11:00 the Supervisors meet for a safety meeting at the Engineer's Office.

